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1. The 207th Anti-tank Artillery Regiment, [redacted] with headquarters in Slany, is subordinated to the 1st Anti-tank Artillery Brigade, cover number 2200, in Slany. This unit, in turn, is subordinated to the 5th Motorized Infantry Division in Prague. The 207th Regiment at present consists of six artillery batteries, but an order from the Ministry of National Defense calls for the reorganization of these batteries into the 12th, 34th and 56th anti-tank artillery battalions. Attached to the regiment are three tank batteries, each of which is equipped with six JS-1 tanks.

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2. Officer personnel of the 207th Regiment include the following:

- a. Regimental CO: Lt. Colonel Bohumil Plansky, 50 years old, a non-Communist and former member of the People's Party.
- b. Deputy Regimental CO: Lt. Colonel Vaclav Kral, 52 years old, a Communist, residing in Kutna Hora. He is also CO of the reserve battalion.
- c. Chief of Staff: Major Hlavacek, a Communist.
- d. GZ Officers: Major Hampejz, 35 years old, a Communist.
- e. Enlightenment Officer: Staff Captain Vrabec, 36 years old, an ardent Communist.
- f. Supply Officer: Staff Captain Papez, about 35 years old a non-Communist. He succeeds Major Navelka, an ardent Communist who was sent to the War Academy in Moscow.
- g. Accounting Officer (likvidacni): Captain Karel, 52 years old, a Communist.

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- h. Transport Officer: Staff Captain Bukac, 34 years old, a nominal Communist.
  - i. 1st Battery CO: Senior Lt. Michal Kreckovsky, 30 years old, anti-Communist.
  - j. 2nd Battery CO: Senior Lt. Faigl, 28 years old, a Communist; he formerly attended the Military Academy.
  - k. 3rd Battery CO: Lt. Vaclav Jandourek, 28 years old, a Communist.
  - l. 4th Battery CO: Lt. Bartos, 24 years old, a Communist; he formerly attended the Military Academy.
  - m. 5th Battery CO: Lt. John, 24 years old, a Communist; he formerly attended the Military Academy.
  - n. 6th Battery CO: A lieutenant.
  - o. Communications Battery CO: Staff Captain Rokos. His deputy is Lt. Josef Fenc, a non-Communist, who formerly attended the Military Academy.
3. Each battery is equipped with six 75 mm anti-tank guns, each serviced by a seven-man crew, and four Bren machine guns. The men carry pistols, rifles and gas masks, and each gun crew has a Soviet model sub-machine gun. All weapons are kept in a regimental warehouse and issued only on special orders. In case of an alert two communications squads, consisting of four radio telegraphers and six telephone operators each, are attached to each battery. The communications battery has two German radio transmitters, seven German telephone apparatus (sic) and six kilometers of telephone wire.
4. The 208th Motorized Anti-tank Artillery Regiment, [REDACTED] is located in Hradec Kralove. The regiment consists of two artillery batteries, a reserve battalion and a communications battery. The other artillery batteries were transferred to the 207th Regiment. The regiment is equipped with Soviet 76 mm anti-tank guns, German 75 mm anti-tank guns, Soviet sub-machine guns, CZ 24 rifles, pistols and hand grenades. Officer personnel of the regiment include the following:

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- a. Regimental Chief of Staff: Major Slovak
- b. 1st Battery CO: Staff Captain Binar, 36 years old, a Communist.
- c. 2nd Battery CO: A senior lieutenant, who formerly attended the Military Academy.
- d. Communications Battery CO: Lt. Lalo, 35 years old, a Communist, promoted from the rank of NCO.
- e. Reserve Battalion CO: A staff captain

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5. Men from the 207th Regiment, the 208th Regiment, and the 201st Artillery Regiment in Rokycany are trained in Slany. At the garrison of the 207th Regiment there is also a six-month course for NCO's of these regiments. The commanding officer of this school is Staff Captain Rokos, who succeeded Staff Captain Rochus when the latter was sent to the War Academy in Moscow. In addition, there is a driving school at the garrison commanded by Staff Captain Bukac.
  6. The 1st Motorized Artillery Regiment, [REDACTED] in Prague-Ruzyně consists of three artillery battalions, one of which is only a skeleton force.\* Each of the two active battalions consists of two active batteries with four 122 mm guns each and one skeleton battery. The guns are drawn by Studebaker trucks; the regiment also has six half-tracks. Officer personnel includes the following:
    - a. Regimental CO: Colonel Rada, 43 years old, not a convinced Communist.
    - b. OZ Officer: Staff Captain Lansky, Jewish, about 37 years old, an ardent Communist.
    - c. Communications Officer: Senior Lt. Vaclav Stec, 28 years old, a non-Communist; formerly with the Czech Army of the East during World War II.
    - d. 1st Battery CO: Captain Korlalevic, a member of the Czech Army of the East during World War II.
    - e. 2nd Battery CO: Lt. Houdek, an ardent Communist; the son of General Houdek.
  7. There is an artillery training school, [REDACTED] in Olomouc, under the command of Colonel Pechman, 50 years old, a Communist. Four Soviet officers, one colonel, two majors and one captain, are attached to the school. These officers wear uniforms and insignia of the Soviet army.
- \* Comment: The historical name of this regiment is Artillery Regiment of Jan Zizkaz Trocnova. It is subordinated to the 5th Motorized Division in Prague.

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